

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
JOB OPPORTUNITY  
Correction Officer  
Canine Handler (K- 9 Unit)**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILLING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!**

**Open To:** Current DOC Employees Only

**Location:** Statewide Vacancies

**Hours:** 5 and 3 Schedule

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011

**Eligibility Requirement:** DOC employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

**General Experience:** Candidates must have completed three (3) years of employment as a Correction Officer and meet the selection criteria outlined in Administrative Directive 6.11 (AD 6.11) in order to apply for this position.

**Preferred Experience:** Appointment to the canine unit shall be based on the following: completion of (1) year of service within the agency's tactical units, work experience, employment history, judgment, reliability, initiative and ability to support the unit's mission. The candidate shall be subject to, but not limited to, the selection criteria outlined in AD 6.11 (section 6, Subsection (A) 1 and 2).

**Special Experience:** Ability to complete the State Police Training Standards which includes a sit & reach test for flexibility, a push-up test for muscle endurance of the upper body, a sit-up test for muscular endurance of the abdominal and hip flexor muscles, a 300-meter run for power, a 1.5 mile run to test for cardio-respiratory and aerobic fitness. Also to successfully carry (underhanded) an 80 pound heavy bag for a distance of 50 feet. The candidate must then place the bag over a 6-foot wall, and negotiate themselves over the wall unassisted. Once on the other side, pick up the bag and carry it (underhanded for an additional 50 feet).

**Special Requirement:** Each employee assigned as a canine handler shall successfully complete the Connecticut State Police Canine Certification Program. A canine handler, once certified, shall remain current with all required training and shall maintain the minimum standards. Canine teams shall train annually with the Correctional Emergency Response Team/Special Operations Group. At least 16 hours of training related to the operations of the Canine Unit shall be provided prior to assignment with a canine in accordance with Administrative Directive 2.7, Training and Staff Development.

**Note:** All statewide canine teams shall be assigned to the Operations Division who shall report to the Deputy Commissioner of Operations. Each team shall be trained, certified and re-certified annually in accordance with Administrative Directives 2.7, Training and Staff Development and 7.2, Armories.

**Note:** The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable. DOC employees should be aware that your performance appraisals, attendance records and discipline records will be reviewed to ensure that you meet Administrative Directive 2.3.

**Application Instructions:** Current Department of Correction employees who meet the above requirements need to submit a cover letter, your last three (3) performance appraisals and an application for employment (Form CT-HR-12) which is available at [http://das.ct.gov/HR/Forms/CT-HR-12\\_Application.pdf](http://das.ct.gov/HR/Forms/CT-HR-12_Application.pdf) to:

**Patricia Meskers, HR Specialist  
Department of Correction  
Recruitment Office  
24 Wolcott Hill Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
Fax: (860) 692-7615**

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